

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 502  
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A RESOLUTION relative to the juvenile justice system.

WHEREAS, the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century has unfortunately brought about the astronomical expansion of the American juvenile justice system, and Tennessee's juvenile courts are no exception; and

WHEREAS, with this expansion, responsible working parents are increasingly called upon to take leave from their employment in order to appear before juvenile courts on matters concerning the welfare of their children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby requests the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of conducting a session of court (or having a juvenile judge or referee available to perform judicial duties) on or after 6:00 p.m. at least one (1) evening per week in each juvenile court, or other court exercising juvenile jurisdiction, in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in conducting such study, the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges should give special consideration to the needs of working parents who presently must take leave from their employment to seek an order of a juvenile

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court, to enforce an existing order, such as child support or to otherwise conduct business before a juvenile court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges should timely report its findings and recommendations relative to such study to the full General Assembly no later than December 1, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.